

**Citizens  
Asked to  
Comment  
on Removal  
Action at  
Argonne  
National  
Laboratory-  
West**



The U.S. Department of Energy announces a public comment period on a removal action at Argonne National Laboratory-West at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. The action involves the removal of approximately 333 cubic yards of radioactively contaminated sludge from the Experimental Breeder Reactor-2 Leach Pit. After treatment, the wastes would be disposed at the Radioactive Waste Management Complex as low-level waste.

➤ **30-day Public Comment Period**

A public comment period on the project will begin July 9 and end August 7, 1993. Written comments may be sent to: Jerry Lyle, Deputy Assistant Manager, Environmental Restoration and Waste Management, DOE Idaho Operations Office, P.O. Box 2047, Idaho Falls, ID 83403-2047. During the comment period a briefing may be requested by the public to discuss the removal action and to give verbal comments to Argonne officials. To request a briefing or a copy of the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis Report mentioned below, write to the address listed above or call the INEL at 1-800-708-2680.

➤ **Availability of "Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis" Report**

An Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis Report documents the information that was used to develop, evaluate, and select a removal action for this non-time-critical removal project. The Report is available to the public in the Administrative Record file for "Operable Unit 9-02" in the INEL Information Repository sections of libraries listed in the box. The Report provides background information, results of sampling activity, identification of removal alternatives, and the comparative analysis of two alternatives that resulted in the formulation and selection of a third alternative. The alternatives considered were:

1. No Action with ongoing operation and maintenance
2. Capping with a layer of clay and long-term monitoring of groundwater during operation and maintenance
3. Removal and solidification of contaminated sludge and disposal at the Radioactive Waste Complex as low-level waste.

Alternative #3 was selected because it reduces risk and is half the cost of monitoring contaminants left in the pit as proposed under the other alternatives. The action proposed in alternative #3 would take two to three weeks to complete and would cost \$287,000.

**INEL Information Repository and Administrative Record Locations**

**INEL Technical Library**  
DOE-ID Public Reading Room,  
1776 Science Center Dr., Idaho Falls

**Shoshone-Bannock Library**  
Bannock and Pima Streets, Fort Hall

**University of Idaho Library**  
University of Idaho Campus, Moscow

**Boise Public Library**  
715 So. Capital Blvd., Boise

**Idaho Falls Public Library**  
457 Broadway, Idaho Falls

**Pocatello Public Library**  
812 E. Clark, Pocatello

**Twin Falls Public Library**  
434 2nd Street East, Twin Falls

**Idaho State Library**  
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